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2012 Pride Festival goes big

Progress. Organizers say the event has come a long way in its two decades in Saskatoon

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The Saskatoon Pride Festival will be celebrating in its new home of Victoria Park this year, and organizers say the new location opens a number of doors for the future of the event.

According to Brice Field, chair of the Saskatoon Diversity Network, facilitators of the Pride Festival, the festival "outgrew" its old venue of Civic Square.

"This will be a good spot for the long term, so we can grow here," said Field. "We've almost doubled the amount of entertainment we're providing, the beer gardens are larger, there's more community vendors coming from all over western Canada.... It will be the biggest Pride Festival in Saskatchewan history."

Field said the festival has a number of purposes, but amongst the most important is providing those who have recently come out of the closet a sense of community.

"(For) people that are just coming out, or people that are in the closet or are out, but sometimes feel isolated living in the community, Pride is a time when they can be surrounded by people like them and who support them," he said.

He continued, "They can really feel a sense of community and feel safe; then that feeling tends to move through Pride and carries on through the rest of (the) year."

Field said Pride has come a long way since it started in Saskatoon roughly 20 years ago, noting how a community that was once forced to wear masks to protect their identities now embraces it.

"In the beginning, there were celebrations, but they were not really public because of safety issues at that point in time," said Field. "If you were going to march in an early parade, people would be wearing masks to cover their identity for fear of their own safety or fear of losing their jobs.… Now, people come out and feel open and proud to say, 'This is who I am. We're right in the heart of the city. You can't miss us.'"

This year, the Saskatoon Pride Festival is expecting roughly 7,000 participants. Field says as the festival goes into the future, they hope to provide more entertainment, more venues and a larger event overall.

Saskatoon Pride Festival kicks off this Saturday and runs until June 16.

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Participants walk the streets at the 2011 Saskatoon Pride Festival's parade. CONTRIBUTED

Soul man heads down South

He's sung backup for Adele and been voted Britain's top act to watch. Now Michael Kiwanuka is set to headline Nashville's giant Bonnaroo festival PAGE 16

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Education

Provincial auditor slams grad rates

Saskatchewan's auditor is sounding the alarm bell over a drop in Grade 12 graduation rates.

Bonnie Lysyk says that the overall graduation rate dropped from 75.6 per cent to 72.3 per cent between 2005 and 2009 — the latest data available.

That's a drop of 3.3 per cent. The rate for aboriginal students was even lower at 32.7 per cent. Lysyk says the Ministry of Education hasn't sufficiently identified or analyzed the reason for the drop. She says the ministry also hasn't given clear direction to the educators on how to improve graduation rates and that needs to change. THE CANADIAN PRESS

$228M proposal

Regina could end up selling treated wastewater to potash mine

Regina's executive committee has approved a $228-million proposal to pipe treated wastewater to a potash mine southeast of the city.

Under the proposed 45-year agreement, Western Potash Corp. would pay the city to use 40 per cent of the treated effluent that is currently being pumped into Wascana Creek.

The city is also looking to partner with other companies to generate revenue from the remaining wastewater.

The solution potash mine, which is to be located near the town of Gray, is expected to use up to 60,000 cubic metres of recycled water a day in the first six years of operation. That number is anticipated to fall to just over 42,000 cubic metres a day for the remaining 39 years of the contract. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Construction

Better follow pipeline building laws: Auditor

Saskatchewan's auditor says the province needs to do more to follow laws on pipeline construction and operations. Bonnie Lysyk says the Ministry of Energy and Resources doesn't have effective ways to ensure compliance with The Pipelines Act and regulations.

Lysyk says requirements are not being acted upon and that failure could harm people or the environment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wall: Most popular premier of them all

Angus Reid. Brad Wall's approval rating is tops nationwide

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Premier Brad Wall was named the most popular premier in the country again by an Angus Reid poll. His approval rating is 67 per cent, down three points from this past March, but up eight points from a year ago.
JENNIFER GRAHAM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Once again, Brad Wall is the most popular premier in the country.

An Angus Reid poll released Thursday shows that 67 per cent of the province approves of the way the Saskatchewan premier is handling his duties. It's one in a long line of polls over the last four years that have put Wall on or near the top.

Bill Boyd, the Minister of the Economy, says the results come as no surprise. "People across this province believe that premier wall is doing a very good job in handling the issues here in Saskatchewan and representing Saskatchewan on the national stage."

Professor Joe Garcia is with Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. He says that historically many premiers and prime ministers have enjoyed the kinds of high numbers that Wall has now.

"But what's truly remarkable," says Garcia, "is the consistency of the rating for him. Mr. Wall has enjoyed this kind of rating almost since he started."

Garcia lists three reasons why Saskatchewan's premier has been so popular for so long.

The first is the positive performance of the economy. Voters tend to like their leaders when the economy is doing well.

The second reason, says Garcia, is Wall's his ability to separate himself from some of the more unpopular policy decisions that his government has made.

"He's managed to separate the files, especially the controversial files, from himself," says Garcia. "Anything people see wrong with the government is the fault of ministers but not Mr. Wall."

Lastly, Wall has helped to successfully transform the branding of the Saskatchewan Party, and that's translated into his own positive image.

The public image of the party is now more moderate and city-oriented than in years past, and this may play a big role in the premier's popularity.

"They have reinvented themselves," says Garcia. "That's the major contribution that the premier has made in leading the Saskatchewan Party and establishing himself so strongly. He was able to reinvent it, and reinvent it in a way that didn't create divisions. And that wasn't easy to do. That has been his major accomplishment. To some extent the popularity has as much to do with that then in the way that he's actually governing."

So, will Premier Wall, like Prime Minister Stephen Harper, use his popularity as a mandate to drive through controversial policies?

For Wall, says Garcia, "it's not a transformational project that he's after. He's not saying we've got to become more conservative."

Compared

- Alberta Premier Alison Redford came in second, with a 60 per cent approval rating, the only other premier to clock in at over 50 per cent.
- The lowest ranked premier is Nova Scotia's Darrell Dexter, with 27 per cent.

Macdonald George CONTRIBUTED

Mother of murdered man starts trust fund to bring body home

The mother of Macdonald George, the man who was shot dead on May 21, has started a trust fund to bring her son back to Nigeria to be buried.

Grace George, who currently resides in Toronto, said it was her son's wish to be buried in Africa, and now she's asking the public for help to bring him home.

"I'm hoping to raise some funds to assist me to transfer the body and to bury," said Grace. "It's his wish."

Grace said she was aware second-degree murder charges have been laid in relation to the shooting of her son, but said even if someone goes to jail it won't fill the void caused by the death of her son.

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On the web

The Mary Jane to his Spidey

Marriage proposals have become so clichéd these days. To spice up the humdrum affair, one man has added a superhero twist by dressing up like a certain famous webslinger to give his bride a public proposal she won't ever forget. Go to metronews.ca to see the video

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Ogilthorpe: Exposing the legendary enforcer behind the Slapshot icon

Larger than life. New film shot in Humboldt delves into the real-life persona of 'the fiercest goon ever to play the game of hockey'

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Ogie Ogilthorpe, the iconic character featured in the cult-classic film Slapshot, is the most sensationalized personality to ever grace the set of a hockey blockbuster.

And now, the fictional enforcer has a direct link to Saskatchewan. Ogilthorpe, a new Canadian film shot in Humboldt, focuses on the story of Bill "Goldie" Goldthorpe, a real-life player so infamous that he was the inspiration for the villainous goon who cameos in the conclusion of Slapshot.

As in Slapshot, the real Ogilthorpe's legend precedes him. When Goldthorpe played, his fists did the talking and his bleach blond afro had the potential to make clowns blush. He once threatened Don Cherry and got away with it. And while incarcerated in Syracuse during the American Hockey League season, coaching staff from his team would escort Goldthorpe back and forth from prison between games.

Quoted

"There are incidents where (Bill Goldthorpe) went to a rink in a different league to watch a hockey game and he's a member of neither team and ends up getting involved in the brawl."

Dave Fergusson, executive producer of Ogilthorpe

Dave Fergusson is the brainchild and executive producer of the film and he thinks that the style of rock 'em, sock 'em hockey featured in the film is a thing of the past.

"It was the Wild West back then. (Goldthorpe) was the wildest, most unpredictable player in the league back then. He was the fiercest goon ever to play the game of hockey," said Fergusson.

Fergusson has been transfixed by the legend for some time now. "The beauty of (Goldthorpe's) life story is the drama — and it's both on the ice and off the ice. There are incidents where this guy went to a rink in a different league to watch a hockey game and he's a member of neither team and ends up getting involved with the brawl."

Saskatoon trainer and former hockey player Kelly Riou plays the legend of Ogilthorpe. The resemblances between the actor and man in real life are striking. In Slapshot and in real-life, both Ogilthorpe and Goldthorpe's hair were their trademarks. "I have a curly Afro myself but I keep it completely short because I don't like the curls and the next thing I know they're taking it right back to where it was and blond to boot."

Ogilthorpe/Goldthorpe lore

- In Slapshot, Ogilthorpe's name is mentioned more than any other character's in the movie. His name is dropped roughly 20 times over seven scenes.
- Ogilthorpe opens with Goldie lacing up his skates in a prison cell. He was released from jail a number of times to play hockey. His coach picked him up at jail and returned him after the game.
- In 1973-74, Goldie's rookie season as a professional, he had 25 major penalties before Christmas while playing left wing for the Syracuse Blazers. He had 285 minutes in penalties in 55 regular-season games that season.
- In off-ice drama, Goldie was shot once and would have died had it not been for his superb conditioning. He was also stabbed and needed 300 stitches on another occasion.
- Goldie once tried out for the Toronto Maple Leafs and Pittsburgh Penguins.

Online

The trailer of Ogilthorpe is debuting on metronews.ca and ogilthorpethemovie.com.

Legendary goon Bill "Goldie" Goldthorpe, above, was the inspiration for the character of Ogie Ogilthorpe in Slapshot. Now, a Canadian film is telling Goldthorpe's story. CONTRIBUTED

Kelly Riou, a fitness trainer from Saskatoon, plays Bill "Goldie" Goldthorpe in the film Ogilthorpe. CONTRIBUTED

Saskatoon's comic-con expects largest crowd yet

If you see Stormtroopers, superheroes or anime characters in the line-up at your local coffee shop, don't be surprised — they're just some of the hundreds of people attending the third annual Saskatoon Blitz, a convention for comic, anime, gaming and sci-fi fans.

"It seems that nerdom, geeky, or what ever you want to call it — is making it way into the mainstream, either that or more of us are just banding together to bring forth these sort of events.

It's a really wonderful community, where everybody fits in and makes new friends," said Blitz founder Laura Petrishen-Ha.

Expecting a record number of participants organizers decided to host this year's convention at the Saskatoon Inn. "Saskatoon Blitz nearly maxed our capacity last year, which is why we have moved to a larger venue. We are hoping to make this year the biggest and best Blitz yet," said Petrishen-Ha

The convention packs a variety of activities and events into just one day and aims to appeal to every aspect of 'nerd-dom.' The day features panel discussions, movie screenings, appearances from local, national and international special guests and — of course — a costume contest.

Comic convention-goers stand outside of 8th Street Books & Comics, a strong supporter and partner of the Saskatoon Blitz. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

"People are always excited for the costume contest sponsored by 8th Street Books & Comics. This year we are anticipating some great costumes and props," Petrishen-Ha said.

Petrishen-Ha said the idea for the Blitz came from a need for something bigger, expressed by the people involved in the anime club she had started after graduating university.

"I have always been a HUGE geek and a fan of comics and anime. Through the club I learned that there was a desire for Saskatoon to have a convention. So I started up a business, (called) Saskatoon Love Love Anime Group, and decided to take one year and see what I could make happen," said Petrishen-Ha.

"[It] started out with an anime focus in the first year, and then shifted to cover both anime and comic topics and fandom — they do go hand in hand. We really want to continue to bring new and fun activities for all fans of pop culture, nerds, geeks and enthusiasts," she said. "We are bringing a jam-packed day of anime, comics, and adding on gaming, sci-fi and pop culture elements to boot. Something for everyone."

Seven of the 11 guest speakers at The Blitz are Canadian comic book artists, writers and creators, four of whom are from Saskatchewan.

JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

Billy West

This year's Saskatoon Blitz is pleased to be welcoming renowned voice actor Billy West.

- West is best known for voicing the cult-classic characters of Stimpy from MTV's Ren and Stimpy, and Fry in Fox's Futurama.
- Over his career West has been the voice talent for close to 120 different characters – which includes some of the most recognizable voices from film and television history. He is one of the few actors who can recreate the voices of Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Elmer Fudd and other characters from Warner Bros. cartoons who were originally voiced by the actor Mel Blanc.
- West is also the voice of Red in the M&M commercials.

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When the second issue of DC Comics' Earth 2 issue came out on June 5, 2012, so did one of the comic legend's oldest superheroes – the Green Lantern. As scandalous as it might have been for the original Lantern to be gay in 1940, the 2012 version caused barely a ripple. But is it really easier coming out as gay or lesbian now than in decades past? Here are four real-life accounts from different times and places.

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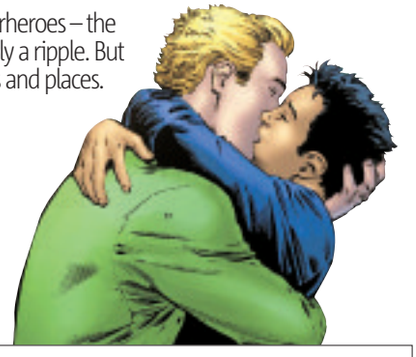
Out: About



HANDOUT

Andrew Chase

Chef and food writer, Toronto, age 57

Coming-out age:
Just before my 18th birthday.

Coming-out story:
I was a freshman at university and adjusting to being away from home and admitting to myself that I was gay. I came out first to a friend in my dormitory whom I suspected was also gay (I was right). It was strange, natural, easy, difficult, uncomfortable and liberating.

Any negative repercussions?
I had extreme difficulties with my family when I finally came out to them 10 years later, but that mellowed to complete acceptance after about a year.

Differences between coming out now versus then:
I think coming out to oneself is probably as hard it was in my time, but society in general is obviously much more accepting today.

What I would tell a young person considering coming out as gay or lesbian today:
Do it when you feel comfortable. It can be a gradual process. Realize certain people might never understand, but that is their problem, not yours.

Caleb

Visual effects artist, Vancouver, age 25

Coming-out age: 20

Coming-out story:
I told everyone via Facebook. My parents weren't on Facebook, though, so I had to tell them in person; that was a bit more difficult.

Any negative repercussions?
No, not really; everyone was totally cool. My mom was fine; I don't think she was that surprised.

What I would tell a young person considering coming out as gay or lesbian today:
Don't stress out about it too much – tell whom you want to, people you are close to. It can be difficult to tell your parents – but there's a really good chance that they know more than you think they know.

Julia Gulliver

Preparatory chef, dishwasher and student, St. John's, age 19

Coming-out age: 15

Coming-out story:
I was in Grade 10, and my best friend knew I had a crush on someone. She tried to guess who it was, guessing every boy we know (nope!) Finally she said, "Is it a girl?" I said, "Yes!" Then I was like a runaway train, telling everybody.

Any negative repercussions?
Not really. It took my family a month or two to warm up to the fact. My mom cried. But for her it was less about my being lesbian and more about life being maybe a more difficult road for me.

What I would tell a young person considering coming out as gay or lesbian today:
Make a list of things that might happen. If you're not sure how important people (to you) might react, test the waters first by saying, 'Here's this interesting story I read ...' Proceed with caution if you don't like the reaction.

Bradley Borg

Events planner, Toronto, age 52

Coming-out age:
17, when I put words to it.

Coming-out story:
I'd kind of always been out. But when I was in high school I fell madly in love with someone so found myself putting words around it, saying 'I'm gay.'

Any negative repercussions?
Well, I had a boss once who fell in love with me; when I told her I was gay she fired me. In 1981 when my mom was dying of pancreatic cancer, she was losing her hair from the chemo and asked me to give her a punk haircut. As I was doing it, she said, 'Don't ever tell your father (that you're gay).' It wasn't that he didn't know; he just didn't want to hear it.

What I would tell a young person considering coming out as gay or lesbian today:
Just be who you are, be yourself, love who you love, be proud of who you are. I don't think there's any need to make a big pronouncement to the world. Straight people don't walk into a boardroom and say, 'Hey, everybody, I'm straight!' Why should you?

Saskatoon Pride week June 9-16

Shining through

True Colours Prairie Pride Diva/Divo Competition

True Colours is the theme of this year's annual event. Anyone is welcome to enter and perform. Competition held at Diva's, 220 3rd Ave. South, alley entrance. June 9, 2012. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 10 p.m. No charge for members, non-members $3.

Music

Pride Karaoke

This special Pride version of karaoke promises to have an extensive collection of favorites for you to sing your heart out to, including ABBA, Cher, and Broadway show tunes. Diva's, 220 3rd Ave South, alley entrance. June 13, 2012. 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. No cover charge.

Meet & greet

Welcome To the Gaybourhood BBQ

Enjoy free burgers and hotdogs while you get to know some of the organizations in the neighborhood and take in some performances. Hosted by Avenue Community Centre as part of United Way's Day of Caring. 21st Street, between Aves C and D. June 13, 12 p.m. No charge.

Ab Fab

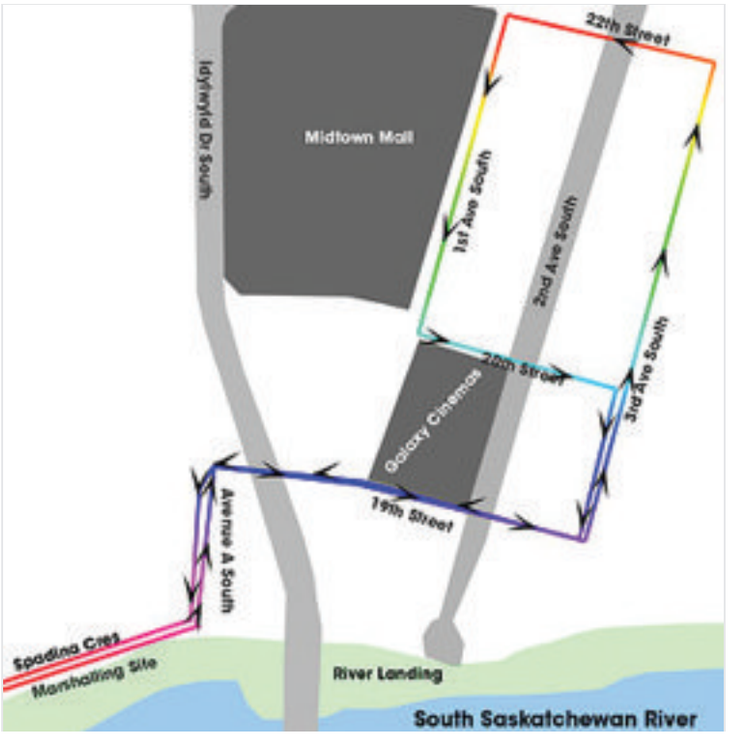
Absolutely Fabulous: Champagne & Stoli Night

Drink, eat and plan to look hot at this event that asks you to let out your inner fashionista. Diva's, 2210 3rd Ave. South, alley entrance. June 10. Doors, 8 p.m. No cover charge.

Largest queer party

Carnivale – 2012 Pride Dance

Saskatchewan's largest queer party, hosted by Simone Du Val, with DJ MISS M playing dance hits. Odeon Events Centre, 241 2 Avenue South. June 15, 2012. 9 p.m to 2 a.m. 19+ event. $12 in advance, $15 at the door. Tickets available starting at Positive Passions, The Avenue Community Centre, Alchemy Salon & Clothing or theodeon.ca



2012 Pride Parade

Celebrate diversity with a march through downtown Saskatoon. Be sure to check out the new route for this year's parade. Starting point at Spadina Cres West, between Ave C and Ave A. June 16, 2012. Parade marshalling at 12 p.m., parade starts at 1 p.m. For full parade route, visit saskatoonpride.ca.

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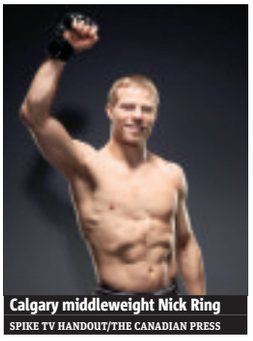
Tough Samaritan. UFC fighter breaks up attack on young Calgary couple


Calgary middleweight Nick Ring
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Mixed martial arts fighter Nick Ring helped break up an attack on two teenagers in south Calgary on Wednesday evening.

The 33-year-old, who is on the card of UFC 149 in Calgary on July 21, was driving when he saw a group of teenagers attacking two others near MacLeod Trail.

"They were assaulting them," Ring said. "One of the attacker girls was kneeing the victim girl in the face.... These poor kids had cuts all over their face from the strikes they'd taken."

Ring says when he jumped out of his car, he was joined by another bystander. After checking on the victims, he and the bystander gave chase and caught one male.

Ring followed the others while he called the police.

"They had no idea who I was," Ring said. "They were running away like scared little rats. The cops caught up with them.

"As as I was pointing them out, one of them challenged me to a one-on-one match. He said that he would take me."

A Calgary Police Service spokesperson said the victims were a male and female, both 17. One was treated for minor injuries.

"It was a really sad thing to see," Ring said. "They didn't deserve what they got. They were outnumbered. I had to even out the playing field."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Searching for suspect with oversized ears

Halifax Regional Police are investigating a theft from a bus shelter of an oversized set of headphones. The headphones, measuring more than a metre wide and a metre tall, had been placed on the bus shelter as part of an advertising campaign. Given the size, it is believed that two or more people are responsible for the theft. HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police probe

Quebec media, politicians get suspicious mail

A dozen more suspicious packages containing a non-harmful white powder arrived at political and media offices across Quebec on Thursday, adding to the nearly two dozen received the previous day.

Provincial politicians were targets as well as media organizations in a half-dozen Quebec cities, police said. The powder was not dangerous. Police said 12 new envelopes arrived Thursday, some with notes signed by a group calling itself the Armed Revolutionary Forces of Quebec.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Extradition

Magnotta may return to Canada within days

German prosecutors said Thursday a decision on the extradition of the porn actor suspected of the grisly killing and dismemberment of a Chinese student in Montreal could be made within days.

Berlin prosecutors asked a court to transfer 29-year-old Luka Rocco Magnotta into pre-extradition custody, spokesman Martin Steltner said. The decision on the extradition of the suspect would likely require a "few days" and isn't expected before next week, Steltner said.

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First Nations school being tested for HIV

Infection unlikely. University of Manitoba professor had given faulty diabetes screening

Dozens of students and staff at a First Nations high school are being tested for HIV and hepatitis after undergoing a faulty diabetes screening.

A University of Manitoba professor talked to students at Southeast Collegiate on May 4 about diabetes and used a glucometer to test blood-sugar levels on about 80 people.

University spokesman John Danakas said the professor changed the needle used on each person.

"It's the device which holds the lancet that was reused, and you're not supposed to reuse that. Although the device never comes into contact with the person's skin ... there's still a very, very small, I think it's one in several million, possibility that there could be an infection.''

The university later clarified the chances are deemed to be less than one in a million.

Danakas would not identify the professor, but said he was not authorized to perform the diabetes test and has been disciplined.

The case has angered some aboriginal leaders.

"While the risk of a student contracting an infection is described by the University of Manitoba as exceptionally unlikely ... the risk is not zero,'' Chief Michael Yellowback of the Manto Sipi Cree Nation, said in a written statement. Eight children from the reserve who attend the Winnipeg school were part of the diabetes test.

The group that represents First Nations communities across northern Manitoba said it was alarmed that impromptu diabetes tests were done without parental consent.

"At the heart of the matter, prior written parental consent should have been required by the school," said Grand Chief David Harper of the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak.

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Montreal police arrest protesters

Montreal police made a series of searches and arrests in connection with disruptive protests, and those detained Thursday included the daughter of an elected politician.

Amir Khadir, the sole elected member of the left-wing party Quebec Solidaire, confirmed that his 19-year-old daughter was among those arrested.

Before breakfast, police entered the family's downtown home as one of eight searches around the city. Police officers were asked to do the polite thing as guests — and take off their shoes, Khadir said — but they refused the request from his spouse and walked in.

Five out of 11 people being sought Thursday were arrested. Charges to be laid will vary. They include mischief, break and enter, conspiracy, and the serious crime of committing a terrorist hoax which carries a maximum five-year prison sentence.

Quoted

"As any citizen who's been arrested, bothered, billy clubbed, lost an eye, imprisoned... yes, it's very troubling"

Amir Khadir, sole elected member of the left-wing party Quebec Solidaire

It was unclear what charges Khadir's daughter, Yalda Machouf-Khadir, might face. Her arrest came just two days after that of her politician father, who was released with a fine.

Khadir had compared his own act, of blocking a street during a protest, to the civil disobedience of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King. As police officers entered the family home Thursday morning, they walked past a sign on the balcony that said: "When injustice becomes the law, resistance becomes a duty."

Khadir told reporters in Quebec City that the episode was disturbing. However, he avoided launching into a legal defence when asked about his daughter's case.

"Everyone is equal before the law," he said. "If reprehensible acts were committed by my daughter, or by anyone else, they need to answer for their acts and the police will do its job."

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Civilian deaths can't be tolerated, Karzai says

Afghanistan. 18 reported dead in NATO airstrike; villagers displayed bodies, which included women and children

Afghanistan's president said Thursday that 18 people killed in a NATO airstrike in eastern Afghanistan were all civilians.

NATO has so far said it has no records of civilian deaths from the pre-dawn strike Wednesday on a house in Logar province.

The NATO and Afghan troops were going after a local Taliban leader when the international coalition says they came under fire and called in an airstrike on the house.

"This is unacceptable. It cannot be tolerated," Afghan President Hamid Karzai said.

He criticized NATO for not being able to provide an explanation for the vans piled with women and children's bodies that villagers displayed to reporters. NATO confirmed only deaths of militants from the strike.

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Strained relations

NATO confirmed only deaths of militants from the strike, but has sent in a team to investigate allegations that civilians were killed either alongside or instead of insurgents.

- Karzai said that he was cutting short his trip to China because of events. Also on Wednesday, a trio of suicide bombers killed 22 people in the marketplace of Kandahar city.
- Raids on militants taking cover in villages have been a repeated source of strained relations between the Afghan government and its international allies.

Bomb in Pakistan kills 14

A plainclothes Pakistani police officer, bottom left, gathers body parts from the site of a bomb explosion in Quetta, southwest Pakistan, Thursday. The bomb, attached to a bicycle, exploded outside a Sunni Muslim seminary. ARSHAD BUTT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt

Mubarak's health deteriorates

Hosni Mubarak's condition has deteriorated so much that doctors at the Cairo prison where he is serving a life sentence had to administer oxygen to him overnight.

Officials at Cairo's Torah prison said Mubarak, 84, has breathing problems, high blood pressure and depression.

His son, Gamal, is also held in the same prison.

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Former dictator Hosni Mubarak lies on a gurney in 2011 en route to court in Cairo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iraq

Top Saddam deputy executed

Saddam Hussein's trusted personal secretary, once No. 4 on the U.S. most-wanted list in Iraq, was executed by hanging Thursday.

Abed Hamid Hmoud was the latest in a series of former senior regime officials to be executed by Iraq's new rulers since the toppling of Saddam.

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Sentenced in absentia

Fugitive Arafat aide convicted

The Palestinian anti-corruption court on Thursday convicted the fugitive money man of the late Yasser Arafat of siphoning off millions of dollars in public funds, sentencing him to 15 years in prison. The court also found Mohammed Rashid guilty of embezzlement and money laundering.

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New mass killings in Syria: UN

Mazraat al-Qubair. Activists say nearly 80 people killed, just weeks after brutal massacre in Houla

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said unarmed UN monitors came under fire Thursday as they tried to reach the scene of the latest Syrian mass killing. Activists said government forces killed nearly 80 people, including women and children who were shot, hacked to death and burned in their homes.

Ban told the UN General Assembly that the monitors "were shot at with small arms" as they tried to reach Mazraat al-Qubair, a farming area in the central Hama province. The group initially was denied access. He did not mention any casualties, and it was not clear who was behind the shooting.

International envoy Kofi Annan told the General Assembly, "If things do not change, the future is likely to be one of brutal repression, massacres, sectarian violence, and even all-out civil war."

Syria denied that its forces committed a massacre as "absolutely baseless" and blamed the violence on terrorists who are trying to provoke foreign military intervention to topple Assad.

A resident of Mazraat al-Qubair said troops shelled the area for five hours Wednesday before government-aligned militiamen entered the area, "killing and hacking everyone they could find."

Leith Al-Hamwy says that he survived by hiding in an olive grove about 800 metres from the farms as the killings were taking place. But he said his mother and six siblings, the youngest 10-year-old twins, did not.

"When I came out of hiding and went inside the houses, I saw bodies everywhere. Entire families either shot or killed with sharp sticks and knives," he said.

The reports of mass killings came just weeks after more than 100 people were killed in one day in a cluster of villages known as Houla in central Homs province. UN investigators blamed pro-government gunmen for at least some of the killings, but the Syrian regime denied responsibility and blamed rebels for the deaths.

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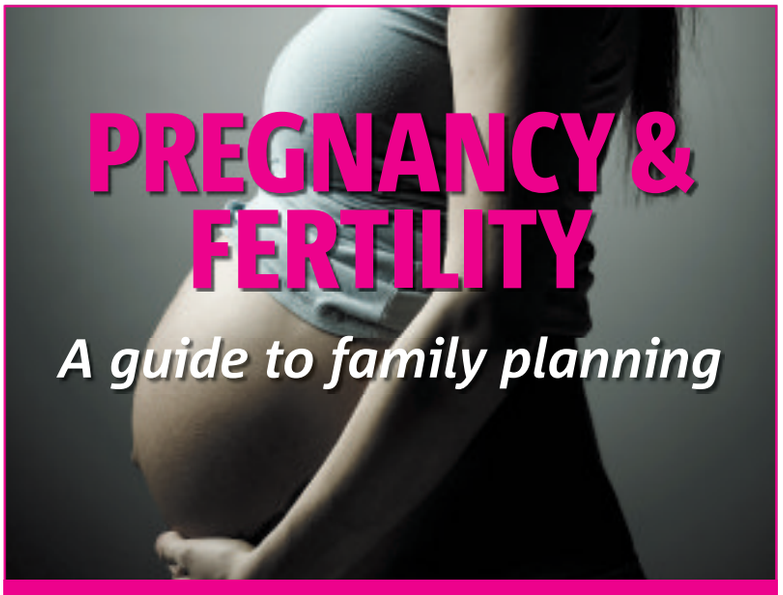
In this citizen-journalism image, protesters hold a banner that reads "Al-Qubair massacre challenges the world's humanity," during a protest in the village of Hass, Syria, Thursday. EDLIB NEWS NETWORK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Explosion kills 3 in Italy

Rescue workers found the bodies of a family of three after a building exploded in Conversano, Italy, Thursday. DONATO FASANO/LAPRESSE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Search teams picking through the rubble of a residential building which collapsed in southern Italy Thursday after an explosion have found the bodies of an Italian-Dutch couple and their young child, police say.

Local officials have told media that a gas leak is suspected as the cause.

At least 10 people in surrounding buildings were slightly injured, including one child.

Conversano Mayor Giuseppe Lovascio told Sky 24 Italian television earlier that an Italian-Dutch family had arrived from the Netherlands two days ago on vacation and were staying in the building.

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U.S. military. Suicides up to one a day in 2012, surpassing deaths in combat

Suicides are surging among America's troops, averaging nearly one a day this year — the fastest pace in the nation's decade of war.

The 154 suicides for active-duty troops in the first 155 days of the year far outdistance the U.S. forces killed in action in Afghanistan — about 50 per cent more — according to Pentagon statistics.

The numbers reflect a military burdened with wartime demands from Iraq and Afghanistan that have taken a greater toll than foreseen a decade ago. The military also is struggling with increased sexual assaults, alcohol abuse, domestic violence and other misbehaviour.

Because suicides had levelled off in 2010 and 2011, this year's upswing has caught some officials by surprise.

The reasons for the increase are not fully understood. Among explanations, studies have pointed to combat exposure, post-traumatic stress, misuse of prescription medications and personal financial problems. Army data suggest soldiers with multiple combat tours are at greater risk of committing suicide, although a substantial proportion of Army suicides are committed by soldiers who never deployed.

The war in Afghanistan is winding down with the last combat troops scheduled to leave at the end of 2014. But this year has seen record numbers of soldiers being killed by Afghan troops, and there also have been several scandals involving U.S. troop misconduct.

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Best Buy founder steps down

Richard Schulze, the founder and outgoing chairman of Best Buy announced his resignation from the board on Thursday and said that he may sell off his 20.1 per cent stake in the beleaguered electronics retailer. Schulze, 71, has been with the company since its inception in 1966 and is its largest shareholder by far. The second-largest holder, Fidelity Management & Research Co., has a 6.9 per cent stake in the company. It's the latest news to hit the Minneapolis company facing increasing competition from online retailers and a CEO scandal, and it removes one obstacle for a possible private-equity takeover of the company. Shares fell nearly eight per cent in morning trading. CHUCK STOODY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ports do not divert cargo, U.S. told

Trade irritant.
U.S. senators had complained Canada was unfairly subsidizing diversion of ships

A commissioner on a U.S. federal agency probing whether Canadian ports on the West Coast are luring lucrative cargo business away from their American counterparts says the problem may be minimal.

The Canadian government and other officials have told the Federal Maritime Commission that over a period of 10 years, only 2.5 per cent of U.S.-bound cargo was imported via Canadian ports, the agency's Rebecca Dye said Thursday.

Speaking at a Canadian American Business Council conference on China, Dye didn't say when the commission would complete its investigation and deliver its findings to U.S. Congress.

But the matter has been a simmering trade irritant between the U.S. and Canada ever since a pair of senators from Washington state complained that Canadians are unfairly subsidizing the diversion of cargo ships away from their American competitors, particularly in Prince Rupert, B.C.

The cargo issue was a key topic during a panel discussion at the CAB event on the Canada-U.S. relationship with China that veered into myriad bilateral trade issues.

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Canadian response

Andrew Mayer, an official at the Prince Rupert Port Authority, pointed out that Canadian officials hardly give cargo ships a free ride.

- While the U.S. taxes shippers, Canada charges them a user fee, he said: "We charge them to help fund the maintenance of these ports, but we don't have a tax."

High-tech travel

Toronto airport being outfitted with 2,500 iPads

Toronto's Pearson International Airport is one of three airports to be outfitted with thousands of iPads by restaurant company OTG Management.

The company says it will install 2,500 Apple tablets at the Toronto airport over the next 18 months.

About 300 have already been placed at New York's LaGuardia Airport, as part of a plan to deploy 2,000 in total.

The iPads will be available to use in restaurants or waiting areas.

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97.29¢ US (No change)

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11,592.12 (-41.28)

OIL
$84.82 US (-20¢)

GOLD
$1,588 US (-$46.20)

Natural gas: $2.274 US (-14.7¢)
Dow Jones: 12,460.96 (+46.17)

RUSSELL-ING UP THE NEXT WIFE

THE LIST
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1 Bonnaroo. 80,000 people are camping out on a 700 acre site in Manchester, Tenn., this weekend for the epic music festival Bonnaroo, which features 150 acts on 13 stages. The likes of Radiohead, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Phish and the Beach Boys will all be there. Best overnight guitar campfire sing-song ever.

2 Home ATM. NBA player DeShawn Stevenson installed an ATM machine in his Dallas home to allow his buddies to withdraw money before they go out partying. And each ATM withdrawal at his house will cost you: $4.50 ATM fee per transaction. I'm taking that idea to the bank.

3 Rob Lowe Takes Winnipeg. There have been spottings of him in town all week, where he's filming The Casey Anthony Story for Lifetime TV — playing the part of prosecutor Jeff Ashton. One woman tweeted the Lowe down, "Guess who just met Rob Lowe? Yeah, that's right. Moi. 80s dream realized. And yes, we touched. Le sigh. #Winnipeg".

4 B.C. Limo Driver. A limo driver in Vernon, B.C.. called police Saturday night because of drunken passengers in his vehicle. Just one problem: When the police showed up, the driver himself had been drinking. And he failed a roadside breath test. He's now facing an impaired driving charge.

5 Graceland. Commemorative CD/DVD editions of Paul Simon's landmark Graceland album came out this week, marking the album's 25th anniversary. They include the new Graceland documentary Under African Skies, chronicling its recording and impact on world music and pop culture. Must watch.

6 Canadian Psycho. Suspected fugitive/cannibal Luka Rocco Magnotta was arrested at an Internet café in Berlin this week. Which actually really shouldn't surprise anyone, as the ultimate narcissist was there checking out reports on the manhunt for himself.

7 Russell Brand. At the MTV Movie Awards, Brand wasted no time in his opening monologue addressing his divorce from Katy Perry. "The last time I did an MTV awards show, I did end up marrying someone that was there. So tonight I'm going to keep my eyes peeled for my next wife!" No word if he kissed a girl that night.

8 Celine Dion. Celine Dion's heart goes out to Kate Winslet, who has said the Titanic theme song, My Heart Will Go On, makes her sick. Dion said on the Today show this week: "If I just count how many times I've sung it, maybe it'll get me sick. If she feels tired just hearing it, and, like, throwing up, I'm glad she was not the one singing it." You should hear me belt it out.

9 Twitter's New Birdie. The world's famous little blue bird doesn't need any accessories anymore, as Twitter announced this week "there's no longer a need for text, bubbled typefaces, or a lowercase 't' to represent Twitter" anymore. So now it's just the birdie. In other news, the blue jay in my backyard still has a bird bath.

10 Miley Cyrus. It was just yesterday that my girls were watching her as Hannah Montana, and now the 19-year-old has gone and gotten engaged. Yes, she announced her engagement to boyfriend actor Liam Hemsworth. No word if dad Billy Ray will sing Achy, Breaky Heart at her wedding.

11 Melissa Stetten. The model hilariously live tweeted an unknown actor Brian Pressly — a devout Christian married with a child — hitting on her in a plane. Sample tweet: "Brian has a wedding ring. I ask him how his wife is, he says he just wears the ring because he likes it. Right, Brian." Horrible acting job Brian.

12 Brock University. Graduating students there were treated to some Hollywood celebrity when Ryan Gosling showed up with girlfriend Eva Mendes on campus to watch his mom graduate on Wednesday. Notebook ending to their schooling.

Schtick man. Russell Brand at the MTV Movie Awards where he delivered his pickup line. MATT SAYLES/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How they roll in 'Skateistan'

SKATEISTAN.ORG

Sports outreach

Afghan boys, girls totally get on board

Skateistan is a unique NGO in war-torn Afghanistan that teaches skateboarding to hundreds of children.

The group set up the only skatepark in Kabul and includes girls, who are forbidden from riding bicycles and playing sports in the country.

Skateistan unveils a new book and exhibition of its story this week in Germany.

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Stealth triumph

"Our advantage was that nobody had heard of skateboarding." Frauke Meyn, project manager, Skateistan

The group has 40 per cent female membership, and has cut across ethnic boundaries. Staff say the key to avoiding controversy has been close links with the community and regular dialogue with the families of skaters. The skate park is discreetly positioned out of public view.

Skater girls, Afghan style. RHIANON BADER/SKATEISTAN.ORG

Skateistan timeline

- **2007** Established by Australian skateboarder Oliver Percovich.
- **2009** Construction of the Kabul skatepark completed.
- **2012** New Mazar-e-Sharif centre to open in July.

Adventure playground

5,428

The size in square metres of the skatepark in Kabul, donated by the Afghan National Olympic Committee, with donated ramps.

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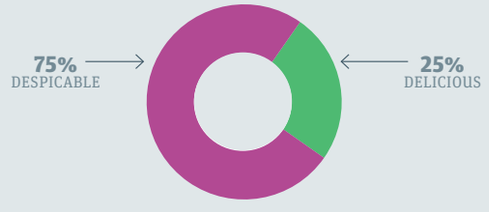
Foie gras: Delicious or despicable?



Twitter

@DaniellaKhoei
Had twitter silence for most of the last 24 hours, did alot of sleeping! Time for some yoga this am! #yxe

@_RGD2
Getting my work day started early!! Loving this beautiful morning in #yxe ! http://yfrog.com/kkws6iej

@price_amy
Prepare yourself fellow saskatonians (unless you've been blown into a surrounding town), a sweet and sunny day cometh! #yxe

@L_InHiHeels
So gorgeous this morning in #yxe ! 1 more coffee on the patio..... Gonna be a great day! Happy Thursday :)

@MilestonesKids
Great night cap with #yxe #Autism Services Chill n Chat group. Shared and learned a lot about Apps and Autism. Time to put this day to bed!

@toontown88
Why does Saskatoon get a storm while I'm 10 km out enjoying a beer in the back 40 #yxe #skstorm

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Prometheus is all about the aesthetics. HANDOUT

Script taints aesthetic gem

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Prometheus.
Ridley Scott's latest imagining is pretty, but the '70s sci-fi dialogue makes it go clunk

Richard: Chris, thematically Prometheus is equally about creation and destruction. As a piece of entertainment goes, however, I'm not sure it will create lasting memories. It won't destroy the goodwill of the first couple of Alien films, but I don't think it will add much to the legacy either. For me there is very little big bang in a movie that is reportedly about the most significant discovery in the history of mankind. You?

Chris: I was blindsided. My expectations were low to none. I didn't want Alien redux, I wanted something different and I got it. The visuals were so grandiose, the aesthetics so nightmarish and baroque that I was dazzled. Only when the pithy dialogue steered the ship did I reject it ... but then something would ooze, a storm would rage and I was back in. And hey, it's not 1979 anymore. We've seen it all and I'm pleased that Scott chose to dwell on dread rather than simple chest-bursting shock. But man ... that dialogue!

RC: It may not be 1979 anymore, but I agree, the dialogue sounded like leftover, bad late '70s sci-fi films. I expected a higher level of writing from a movie that is more about ideas than action. Having said that, I loved Michael Fassbender's automaton space butler. He's got many of the film's best lines and if they ever need someone to play the lead in The Peter O'Toole Story, he's the guy.

CA: Fassbender is fantastic, Rapace is scrappy ... but for me, this was all about aesthetics. Then again, with Scott, it was always about aesthetics. Alien had no story, it found its power in dread, atmosphere and design. Blade Runner had no story, only a philosophy and a MacGuffin and again, exists as a testament to mood, music and architecture. With Prometheus, there are things in here that I haven't seen or experienced since, well, since Blade Runner; things I will never forget. And while there may be no chest-burster freak-outs, one word: Caesarean!

RC: (Mild spoiler) Four words! Do it yourself caesarean! The movie's slow build nicely leads up to that memorable scene, adding an element of horror to the heady mix of ideas but I expected more from Scott. Perhaps Alien set the bar too high for the director to leap over.

CA: I prefer to see it as Alien vs. Predator draining the IQ of the franchise so that Prometheus appears like Potemkin by comparison. But in all seriousness, Prometheus gave me a massive sensory jolt. Great Scott, give me more!

Synopsis

The basic storyline of Alien is in place in Prometheus, just don't call this movie a sequel or a prequel lest you annoy Sir Ridley. A group of hapless space travellers faceoff with some intergalactic nasties who give hugging a bad name. But these face huggers aren't the movie's main draw. Led by Elizabeth Shaw (Noomi Rapace) and Charlie Holloway (Logan Marshall-Green), the expedition into the far corners of the universe aims to prove a connection between ancient human civilizations and extraterrestrials. Chris Alexander sits in for Mark Breslin.

- **Richard:** ●●●○○
- **Chris:** ●●●●○

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Scene in brief

Stars out to end violence against women

Academy Award winners Nicole Kidman and Mira Sorvino urged an end to violence against women at a concert Wednesday night in New York City to support the UN agency that promotes equality for women and an end to attacks against millions of women and girls. General Assembly President Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser of Qatar brought the Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra to the UN to celebrate his leadership of the 193-member world body this year and dedicated the concert to supporting UN Women, which came into existence in 2010.
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On the web

Comedian Joan Rivers embraces her inner hater in her new book

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Akerman takes a look at the other side

Rock of Ages. Actress plays a Rolling Stone reporter in her latest role and realizes it can be a pretty tough gig interviewing the rich, famous and difficult

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Malin Akerman got a look at how the other half lives in Rock of Ages, playing a Rolling Stone reporter tasked with interviewing the infamously difficult rock star Stacee Jaxx (Tom Cruise). Of course, their interview devolves into a raucous, half-naked rendition of I Want to Know What Love Is, with Cruise using Akerman's rear end as a microphone at one point. Our interview was, to put it mildly, much more staid.

Has playing this part given you new sympathy for the folks interviewing you?
Absolutely. I mean, I've always had sympathy for you guys because I know it's hard. There's that whole mix of wanting to get a really good story, and then on our side of the coin not wanting to give too much of a personal life story. It's hard. It's not easy, finding the right balance. But it was fun to play, definitely. It was nice to be on the other side of the coin. I liked it, but a few people I talked to today, they go, "God, I've had an experience like that." There was one woman who went to someone's house and ended up having to interview a rock star in bed. He was still in bed hungover and wouldn't get out of bed.

Have you been tempted to try go weird and difficult for any of your interviews?
Not brave enough. Not yet (laughs). Maybe one day. I always want to respect whoever I'm with, but I could imagine doing that if someone's not respecting you. But I haven't done it yet.

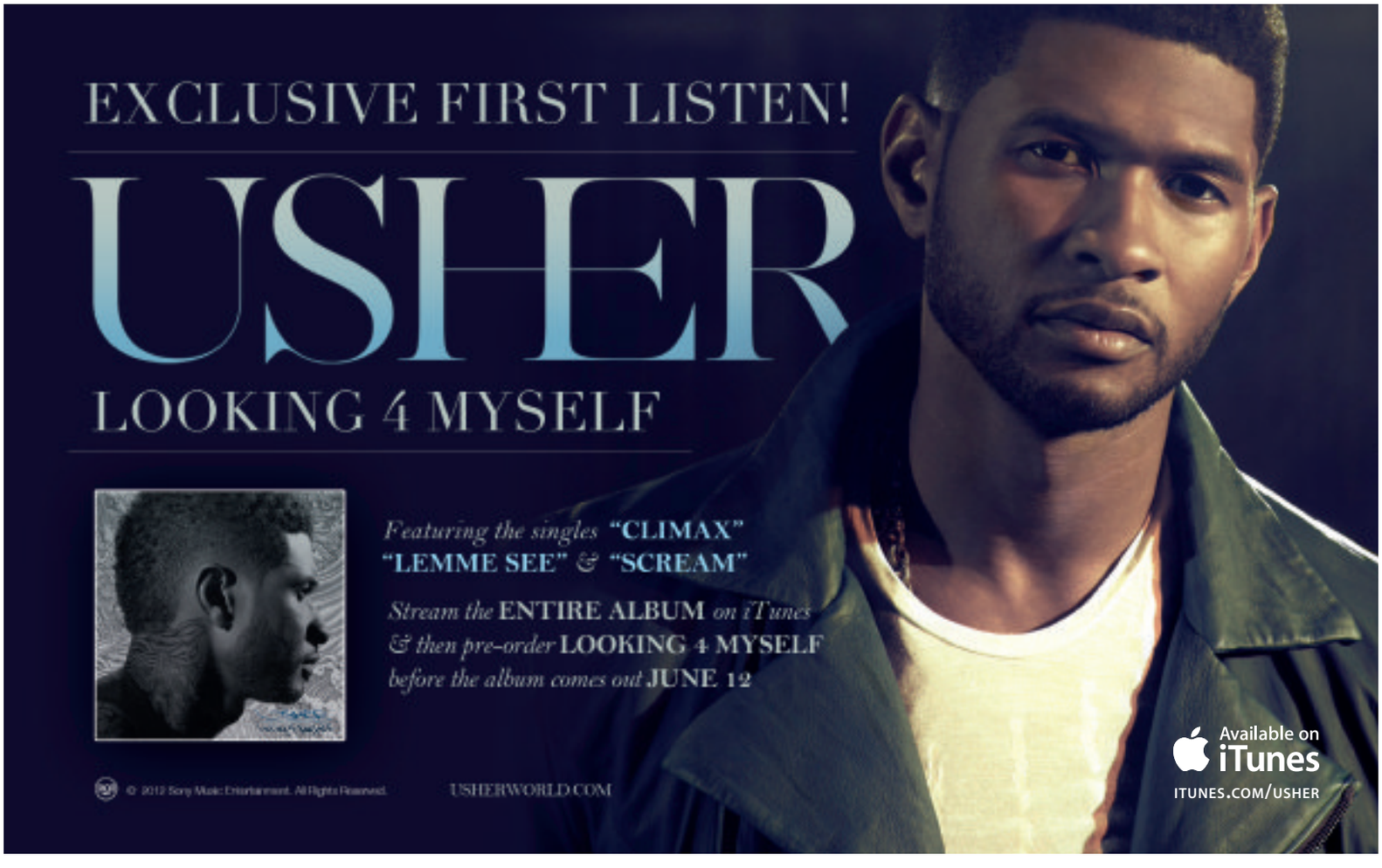
I hope that I'm not the first.
I highly doubt that will happen. You don't seem like the type.

Have you had much experience singing before doing this project, and was that something that gave you pause?
It definitely did not give me pause. I wanted to do it so badly. I've always wanted to do a musical. I've done a couple of auditions for musicals so it's always kind of been on my radar, but I had a band in 2002 — a self-taught, self-made kind of thing. We recorded our songs in a closet. It was nothing fancy, and I never went anywhere with it, but I'd never had any real vocal training so this was the first time. There was so much pressure to not disappoint. And then also to go into a real studio with real musical directors and producers and editors was really intimidating, but super-exciting at the same time. I was a ball of nerves going into it.

The choreography of your big number is pretty interesting. How do you approach a scene that calls for Tom Cruise singing into your rear end?
It does not say any of this in the script. (laughs) This was all done while we were blocking and choreographing the whole thing. The tongue in the ear part was born in rehearsals, the singing into the butt was born there.

Plus you get to do the classic 1980s taking off your glasses and letting your hair down.
I love it. I was so excited about it. You walk in with the "Hot for Teacher" look, and then it all comes off — that cheesy sort of reveal. It's so silly. I always remember watching movies in the '80s and you would see exactly that. Or the cop that was wearing the helmet, and they take it off and it would be a woman and her hair was perfect.

Malin Akerman. HANDOUT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Drama

Cosmopolis

Director. David Cronenberg

Stars. Robert Pattinson, Jay Baruchel, Samantha Morton

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In Cosmopolis, director David Cronenberg takes us on an existential road trip through the breakdown of modern society. Twilight heartthrob Robert Pattinson plays Eric Packer, a 28-year-old billionaire money manager. Powerful, controlling and self-destructive, he's driving across Manhattan to get a haircut in the back of a tricked-out stretch limousine while his world crumbles. It's a challenging film that exists on the macro and the micro, a complex character study of one man's battle to be relevant and alive and a look at the world that is rapidly changing around him.

RICHARD CROUSE

Comedy

Damsels in Distress

Director. Whit Stillman

Stars. Greta Gerwig, Analeigh Tipton, Carrie MacLemore, Megalyn Echikunwoke

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Damsels in Distress is fresh and fun ... for about 45 minutes. Though it features some clever dialogue and quirky characters, it lacks an engaging narrative and ultimately leaves you wondering, Why am I watching?

REGAN REID

Drama

In the Family

Director. Patrick Wang

Stars. Patrick Wang, Trevor St. John, Sebastian Banes

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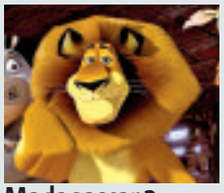
Writer/director/producer Patrick Wang also stars in In the Family, his subtle but incredibly moving first feature film.The film follows Joey (Wang) as he attempts to regain custody of his son.

REGAN REID

Animation



Madagascar 3

Directors. Eric Darnell, Tom McGrath, Conrad Vernon

Stars. Ben Stiller, Jada Pinkett Smith, Chris Rock

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Alex the lion (voiced by Ben Stiller), zebra Marty (Chris Rock), giraffe Melman (David Schwimmer) and hippo Gloria (Jada Pinkett Smith) are still stranded in the African savannah and after a side trip to Monaco they join a circus with hopes of returning to their New York home. The Madagascar series has never been my favourite animated franchise but there is more invention and fun in the first 20 minutes of Madagascar 3 than in all of Battleship and Men in Black 3 combined. The new film is funny — it's worth the price of admission.

RICHARD CROUSE

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The Dictator (14A) Fri 4:25-6:30-8:40-10:45 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:20-4:25-6:30-8:40-10:45 Mon-Wed 8:10-10:20 Thu 10:20
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Extremists win

Indonesian trials of Lady Gaga

SOUND CHECK
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One of the benefits of travelling is you get the opportunity to see local issues and events through fresh eyes. Take, for example, Lady Gaga's recent tribulations over playing a show in Jakarta, Indonesia. I had a ringside seat to the whole affair from neighbouring Singapore.

Her sold-out show at Gelora Bung Karno stadium (capacity: 52,000) scheduled for last weekend was cancelled by government authorities after protests by hardline organizations. This included the Islamic Defenders Front (FPI), an Islamist group that threatened violence if they didn't have their way. They made noises about storming the concert to "do what they must to stop the show."

Why? Here's a quote from a spokesman: "(Lady Gaga) is a vulgar singer who wears only panties and a bra when she sings and she states she is the envoy of the devil's child and that she will spread satanic teaching." Seriously?

"FPI is grateful that she has decided not to come. Indonesians will be protected from sin brought about by this Mother Monster, the destroyer of morals."

The ruling secular authorities of Indonesia have been trying hard to give the country an image of tolerance and fairness. They want to be known as a government that is willing to defend the rights of citizens against extremists, an important fact in a country with a history of terrorist bombings.

They also want to show that democratization hasn't stalled in the fourth most populous nation (240 million) on the planet. And by and large, Indonesians are very tolerant.

However, there are signs that the state apparatus is becoming more integrated with religious organizations and their agendas. Commentators in the region say that the Gaga fiasco only proves this point. The government is now perceived as weak and inconsistent.

Now the fear is the extremists, representatives of a small minority, will become bolder and continue to threaten violence against those who do not see things their way. If they get the government to blink over a pop concert, what's next? Extremist fringes have already used violence (usually with machetes and batons) against Christians and other religious minorities. Are music fans next?

Not if some local little monsters have anything to do with it. Several dozen of them went to the stadium anyway last Saturday night. They waved signs, danced and went home. At least it was something.

Gaga's little Indonesian monsters didn't get to see her show. GETTY IMAGES

Tell Me a Tale about Michael Kiwanuka

Unique sound. The Brits are enamoured with the understated singer's raw, soulful voice, and he's set to hit Bonnaroo music festival

British soul singer Michael Kiwanuka performed at the SXSW Music Festival in Austin last March. JACK PLUNKETT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Michael Kiwanuka didn't trust his voice.

For the increasingly large crowd of music fans familiar with the pure, soulful sound of the British singer's ageless voice, this is probably hard to believe. Yet it's true. Kiwanuka thought he was a guitar player and nothing more.

"The people who were big when I was in my mid-teens were like Usher, and Justin Timberlake started coming out," Kiwanuka said in his singsong lilt.

"And there's R&B singers who are amazing. And I would sing and it would sound not really like that at all ... so people just found it weird. When I listened to it back on speakers for demos and stuff, it just sounded like nothing else that was around."

We can all be thankful for that. Kiwanuka eventually found confidence in his voice, and as he prepares to play his first Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival, he arrives with plenty of advance hype, joining top acts like Radiohead, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Phish, the Beach Boys and more on the bill in Manchester, Tenn.

"I think obviously the first thing that stands out is his voice," The Black Keys guitarist Dan Auerbach said. "It's pretty amazing. It's got a lot of character." Auerbach was so taken with Kiwanuka's vibe, he reached out and set up a recording session in London on a rare day off. The resulting song, the slow-grooving Lasan, made the U.S. version of the album, which was recently released digitally.

"He sent me just this little demo he had with just his guitar and his voice," Auerbach said. "And we decided we'd just go in the studio and record it. ... It was this weird synchronicity thing. We came up with the arrangement on the spot. It was nice."

Things didn't always come so easily for Kiwanuka, a child of Ugandan parents who grew up in north London. In fact, he admits to struggling some in his first recording sessions with producer Paul Butler (also lead singer of The Bees).

"The longest studio session I had with him was two weeks, and I was like, 'Great, I've got two weeks to come up with something solid if anything else,"' Kiwanuka said during a recent interview at the South By Southwest Music Conference in Austin, Texas.

"So we got there and all the songs I had tanked, they just didn't work in the studio. I felt the session kind of falling apart. I had one day off to do what I wanted and I just stayed in my room."

It wasn't until he came up with his breakthrough song Tell Me a Tale that things really got rolling. He emerged with not only words and chords for Tale, but also a Fela-esque retro groove that propelled the song in an exciting way and seemed also to break down the barriers he faced in the studio. Butler could see Kiwanuka's confidence growing daily.

"The thing about Tell Me a Tale, it kept its rawness," Butler said in a phone interview. "It has the grit and the dirt in it. It just has like a good intention with it that wasn't necessarily what he was playing. I hope he keeps that for future recordings, the rawness. Also he's blessed with this amazing African rhythm. You can't really learn what he's doing. It's a lovely thing that first came out in his guitar playing. You've either got it or you haven't."

Although Kiwanauka's sound is not typical of pop, his music has garnered him surprising mainstream support in Britain.

"He got a lot of radio play on (BBC) Radio 1," Butler said. "It was going in between Jessie J and all the big pop stars, and then Home Again would come on, this really mellow, gritty, earthy sound, and a lot of people really loved it."

Which means after years of looking for his place, Kiwanuka has found it.

"When you're a teenager all you want to do is fit in," Kiwanuka said. "You don't want to be unique, which is bad and wrong. Actually that's what's so cool about life — everyone's different."

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Quoted

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Singer Michael Kiwanuka

Kiwa-'who'-ka?

Kiwanuka was voted in BBC's Best of Sound 2012 as Britain's top act to watch this year.

- **Background.** Long before his debut album Home Again went gold in his home country, the 25-year-old was already earning attention on both sides of the Atlantic with a series of EPs that showcased his songwriting ability, his understated guitar playing and that voice, which recalls soul singers like Otis Redding and Bill Withers.

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When the twins come out to play

Breasts. Is is possible that society is taking this sideboob obsession too far?

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"Decline of Western Civilization #248: The HuffPo has a whole section dedicated to 'sideboob.'" So tweeted one writer, in response to the Huffington Post's new page dedicated to, yes, sideboobs: photos of celebs flashing a little skin, usually at movie premieres or in magazine shoots.

On Thursday, founder Arianna Huffington claimed the section was a joke — it was put together by the site's comedy team in response to comedian Jon Stewart, who said he goes to HuffPo for all his sideboob needs.

But the fact that most people thought it was real says something about the state of the news org, if not civilization.

Kristen Stewart shows off some prime side boob during the Cannes Film Festival last month. ANDREAS RENTZ/GETTY IMAGES

Yay or nay

SIDEBOOB: PRO VS. CON

YES

Miley Cyrus — one of the most common sideboob offenders — famously said she can't be tamed. So, why do we expect that her twins will comply with fabric restraints? We personally don't see all the hoopla about flashing a sly sideways glance, a safe-for-work version instead of a naughty, full frontal presentation.

Sleek and aerodynamic, sideboob-baring outfits aren't only fashionable: they're environmentally friendly. Letting the natural air cool your body cuts down on needing the air conditioner. Using less fabric cuts down on the need to harvest and use more materials.

In all seriousness, breasts are a natural part of our anatomy, and it's time that we stop being prudish. If we can accept that a simple black censor bar over a nipple makes things kosher, we shouldn't be horrified at seeing someone's jiggly parts. There's much more eye-opening bits out there to get upset about. The whole section was intended to be a joke: There's no use of making mountains out of molehills.

NO

We don't know what's more disturbing: that sideboobs have entered the international news discussion or that people actually seek out sideboob entertainment. By bringing attention to this ridiculous craze, the sideboob vertical shows our unhealthy obsession with celebrity culture. Journalism now consists of writing full articles about these exposing moments because that's what readers want — whether they wax poetically about the shapely curves or pretend to be disgusted by it while they linger on the pictures.

As for the celebrities themselves, they seem to have a constant need for attention. Crotch-high slits aren't enough, now you have to expose both sides of your breasts and perhaps one of the cheeks to get the paparazzi to snap a shot? Instead of using their fame to promote worthy causes, they stage shots where they knowingly show off their goods for a little more time in the spotlight. If the sideboob section was a joke in response to The Daily Show with Jon Stewart's comments as Arianna Huffington claims, the satire was lost between the cleavage of both sides of the debate. The section was a cheap way to drum up more publicity and traffic for the Huffington Post. Our best bet is to put our opinions aside and just stop talking about it. The less that sideboobs are shoved in our faces, the better off we will all be.

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Dine then dash: A gourmet way to travel

Around the World in 80 Plates. Show's 'cheftestants' travel the world and face culinary challenges based on each destination's culture

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Curtis Stone, host of the new TV show Around the World in 80 Plates. GETTY IMAGES

On Around the World in 80 Plates — a cross between The Amazing Race and Top Chef — "cheftestants" travel the world and complete challenges based on the culture of the city they're in. Though the series is sending its competitors everywhere from England to Morocco, you don't have to leave your kitchen to add some of the global flair host Curtis Stone says you can bring to any dish.

"That's the great thing about a show like this — there's all sorts of inspiration to be taken from so many different sorts of people. The home cook will learn a lot by watching this."

Stone breaks down lessons learned from his time abroad.

Italy: Customs are important.

"The culture in Tuscany was just so steeped in tradition, and some of our contestants tried to do stuff that was a little out there — they were just like, 'That's not in season right now!' 'Basil in a ribollita? Why?'"

France: Explore your food

"(In our episode in France) they do a tasting of different cheeses and have to identify which ones are made with sheep's milk. I think that opens your eyes to be like, 'Oh, sheep's milk, cow's milk, goat's milk — what's the difference?' They also do a wine challenge where they have to try and match a bowl of ingredients that have the same bouquets and aromas that the wine has. Watching something like that makes you think, 'OK, I'm gonna look out for some of those flavours next time I'm drinking a wine.'"

Thailand: One base, many dishes.

"In Chiang Mai, Thai food really comes alive, and they do so much in a mortar and pestle. They use things like galangal, which is very similar to ginger, and they also use ginger, lemongrass (something that I don't think we use enough of in the Western world), lime leaves (used more similarly to how we use bay leaves), palm sugar, lime rinds themselves, garlic, cilantro (both the stems and the leaves) — of course lots of fresh chilies — and all that's pounded together to create this delicious paste. It's so adaptable, whether it goes into a green papaya salad or a curry. That's how the Thais cook, which is really inspirational."

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"The home cook will learn a lot by watching this."

Curtis Stone

Television

Rocky Community

The third season of sharp comedy series Community was rather rocky in front of the camera and behind it, culminating in the departure of creator Dan Harmon at season's end. But one of the year's unrivalled high points came with an episode repeating Friday, in which Troy and Abed's housewarming party turned into a surreal examination of seven parallel realities (it's funnier than it sounds). The episode has been nominated for a Hugo Award — given for achievement in sci-fi or fantasy — alongside three different episodes of Dr. Who. (NBC)

Shooting hoops

Basketball fans who have enjoyed this year's playoffs might like taking a look back at some of the most memorable series in recent history with Friday's "30 for 30" documentary entitled Winning Time. The special focuses on retired NBA sharp-shooter Reggie Miller, who managed to rub an entire city the wrong way during memorable showdowns between his Indiana Pacers and the Knicks — as well as New York's most visible fan, director Spike Lee. (TSN)

Flick frenzy

There's a range of cinematic offerings Saturday. MovieTime is airing back-to-back Sandra Bullock offerings (Miss Congenialty followed by the Oscar-winning 2009 tearjerker The Blind Side) while Diva counters with two films from Adam Sandler: 2008's mega-goofy You Don't Mess With the Zohan and 2004's also-goofy 50 First Dates. Action has the epics Kingdom of Heaven and Clash of the Titans, Bravo airs Four Weddings and a Funeral, History has the grim Martin Scorsese flick Casino and Peachtree TV has the 1995 Best Picture winner Braveheart.

Community's Troy. HANDOUT

Mad Men fifth season finale

Mad Men's turbulent fifth season comes to a close with Sunday's finale. In this installment of the moody period drama, there are opportunities for everyone while Pete meets a stranger on a train. That will be preceded by a new episode of sophomore drama The Killing, and since it's the penultimate installment of the season, answers must surely be just around the corner. (AMC Canada)

True Blood returns

Catch the season premiere of the sudsy vampire saga True Blood, which finds Sookie and Lafayette cleaning up a mess (HBO Canada). And the stellar first season of the freshman comedy Veep comes to a close with Sunday's finale, in which Selina travels to Ohio to support a gubernatorial candidate.

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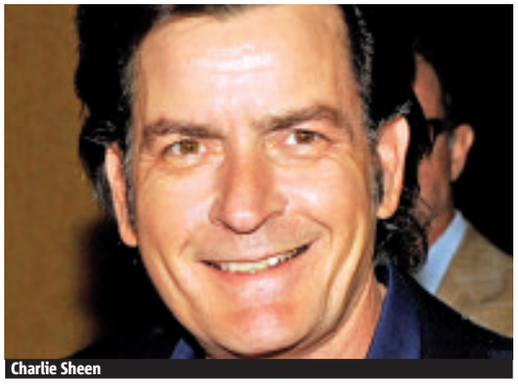
No more auction dates for Charlize

Charlize Theron doesn't regret many things, but she does regret letting herself be auctioned off for charity.

"Do not do it. It's like the worst idea ever," Theron tells Conan O'Brien during an interview. While she went through with the blind date with the highest bidder, she admits she "made two girlfriends sit at the restaurant" nearby.

"The closer I got, I thought: 'This could actually turn out really bad. Rich people can be creeps, too! They can rape,'" she says.

"Look, I would rather just give the money (to charity). It was a scary thing. And (the guy) was weird."



Charlie Sheen

Charlie Sheen is far from 'done'

The way Charlie Sheen sees it, he's come a long way since his famous flameout last year, telling Rolling Stone that he's now sober — for the most part.

"I don't see what's wrong with a few drinks," Sheen says in the interview.

"What's your drink? Tequila? Mine's vodka. Straight, because I've always said that ice is for injuries." Speaking of injuries, Sheen still feels slighted by the way Hollywood pushed him aside after his famous feud with his former Two and a Half Men boss, Chuck Lorre.

"I was blackballed in this friggin' town. I had to generate my own stuff, to say 'I'm not done yet,'" says Sheen, whose new show, Anger Management, is premiering this month.

"I'm not done because they say I'm done."

All about Miley's rock

Miley Cyrus is getting married to Liam Hemsworth, and now she has the massive diamond to prove it.

Jeweller Neil Lane tells People magazine that Hemsworth asked for "something really beautiful and romantic," so Lane produced a one-of-a-kind gem: It's "a 3.5-carat cushion-cut diamond ring, handcrafted in 18-karat gold with intricately carved diamond floral motifs in an art nouveau pattern," he says.

At the centre is an antique diamond that hasn't been re-cut since the 19th century. Cyrus, for her part, seems pleased, posting to Twitter, "I feel like all my dreams are coming true."

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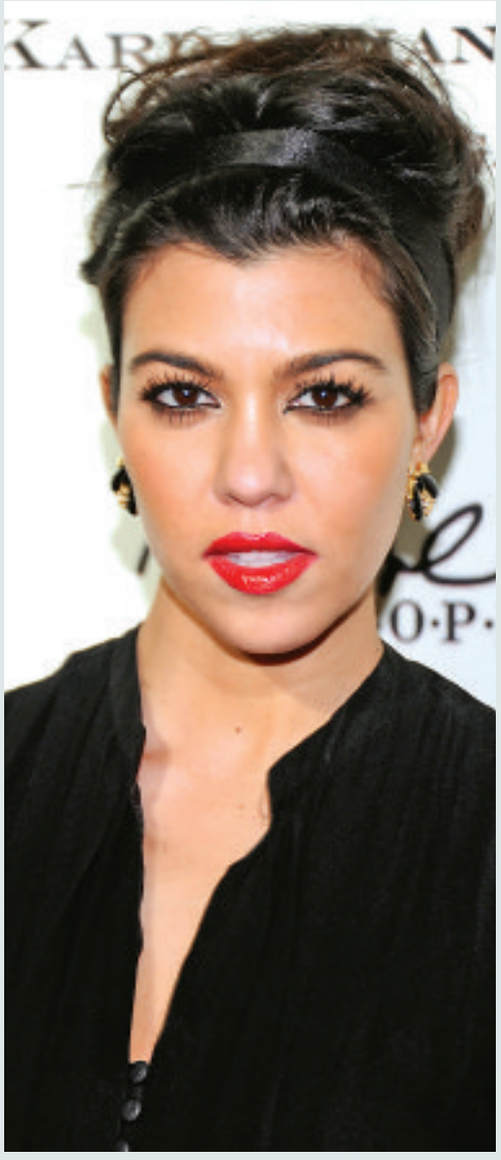

Jimmy Kimmel, what have you done?

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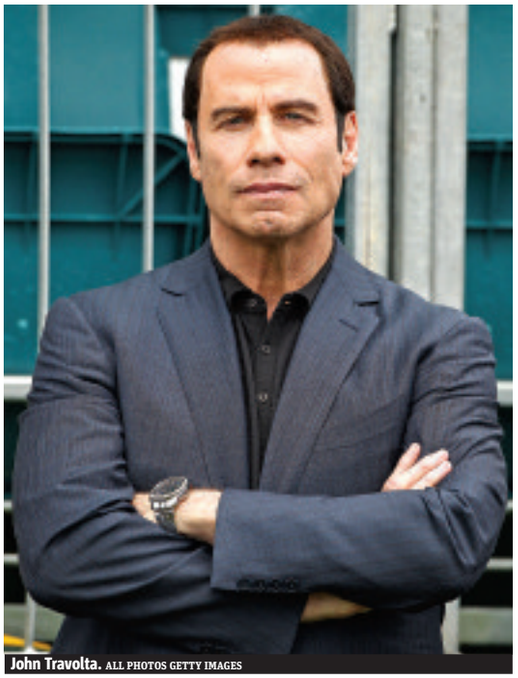
We don't envy Jimmy Kimmel. Whereas the idea of Kardashians is enough to haunt this office, all three were live in his studio on Wednesday night. While he had them there, he took the opportunity to ask Kourtney if she had any plans to marry longtime boyfriend Scott Disick.

"Do you wanna be in my therapy session?" she replied with a seriously scary laugh (did we mention she is 33 and pregnant with his second child?).

"First of all, I have realized that I have major commitment problems during this pregnancy. I'm really claustrophobic, and all my issues — and I have a lot of them — they all stem from this thing. I can't commit to anything. But I love Scott, and he is my partner."

Kimmel made it out of the conversation as close to alive as you can expect after a close encounter of the Kardashian kind. But if Kourtney is sporting a ring next week, we're going to want a word off air.



John Travolta. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

John Travolta is gay, says former secretary

A former secretary for John Travolta says the actor — who's currently being dogged by multiple sexual assault accusations from men — is gay, according to the National Enquirer.

"Of course I knew he was gay. It never bothered me," says Joan Edwards, who worked for Travolta from 1978 to 1994.

Edwards claims she learned firsthand details from another former employee, Doug Gotterba, who worked as a pilot for Travolta starting in 1981.

"He told me that John was gay and they had a sexual relationship."

Travolta's attorney has yet to comment on the story.

Jim Carrey fires back

Jim Carrey didn't appreciate ex-girlfriend Jenny McCarthy telling Howard Stern that he has refused to maintain a relationship with her son, Evan, who is autistic.

"I will always do what I believe is in the best interest of Evan's well being," says the actor, who denies that McCarthy has ever reached out. "It's unfortunate that Evan's privacy is not being considered. I love Evan very much and will miss him always."

I think we can all agree on what's important here: There is no way we're watching McCarthy's new reality dating show.

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@driverminnie
now if you'll excuse me, I'm off to take some sincere pain medication. see you next week then.

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So I have 70 cases of 7-UP retro that I designed for the finale of @apprenticeNBC last year. Is it still good? Does anyone in LA want it?

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Cookbook

The Barbecue Collection

You might not have to cook the same thing twice by following the vision of The Barbecue Collection by the staff at The Canadian Living Test Kitchen.

"Our last barbecue book was a huge seller; we sold more than 33,000 copies," said Tina Anson Mine, executive editor of food and books for Canadian Living in an interview from the magazine's offices in Toronto.

"We decided to update and give this rendition a new lease on life and there are more than 100 new recipes never seen before in all kinds of international flavours."

The other 50 are reprinted from other publications that Anson Mine says have been hugely popular as well.

One of the most impressive and varied is the chapter on grilling poultry.

Rounding out the choices are recipes for fish and seafood such as blackened catfish, a seafood Caesar Salad, grilled shrimp, squid and oysters.

The book also gives its readers The Basics, an in-depth introduction which covers the most up-to-date barbecuing techniques.

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On the web

As public funding lessens, corporate support of university agricultural research draws worries

This recipe makes 12 rolls. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Get sprung on unique summer shrimp rolls

Shrimp & Jicama Spring Rolls. These fresh bites make the perfect appetizers

Imagine crossing a monster potato with a water chestnut.

That's jicama for you. And while not much to look at on the outside, the crisp, crunchy texture and clean, sweet flavour inside makes this veggie worth seeking out.

First, the basics. Jicama is a tuber — a big, brown, round root. A relative of the bean family, it is native to Mexico and South America.

Though most often eaten raw, such as chopped into salads, jicama can be steamed, boiled, sautéed or fried.

The flavour is on the neutral side, with a hint of starchy sweetness. It really is quite similar to water chestnuts, and can be substituted for them.

Once limited mostly to Latin American markets, the popularity of Hispanic foods has pushed jicama into mainstream grocers.

1. Dipping sauce: In a blender combine the peanut butter, jam, soy sauce and vinegar. Blend until smooth. Add hot sauce, to taste, then set aside.

2. Place noodles in bowl and cover with hot water. Soak 5 mins., or until softened. Drain in mesh strainer and set aside.

3. Use spoon to scrape out and discard the seeds from the cucumber halves. Cut each piece into thin strips. Cut jicama into thin slices, then cut each slice into thin matchsticks.

4. Fill bowl (at least several inches larger than the rice wrappers) with warm water. Soak 1 wrapper in water until soft and pliable, 20 seconds.

5. Carefully remove rice wrapper from the water and lay flat on the counter. Place small bundle of noodles along one edge of wrapper. Top noodles with a bit each of cucumber, jicama and carrots. Place 3 shrimp over vegetables, then top with a mint leaf.

6. Roll wrapper, starting with filling side, folding ends over the filling as you roll to form tight cylinder. Repeat with remaining wrappers and fillings. Serve spring rolls with dipping sauce.

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Ingredients

Dipping sauce:
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup apricot jam
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 2 tbsp rice or cider vinegar
- Hot sauce, to taste

Spring rolls:
- 2 oz dried bean or rice thread noodles
- 1/2 cucumber, peeled and halved lengthwise
- 4-oz peeled jicama root
- 12 large rice-paper wrappers (8-inch round or larger)
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 1 lb cooked and cooled extra-large shrimp, shelled and deveined
- 12 large fresh mint leaves

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A philosophical frog once said, "It's not easy being green." White winemakers hum the same tune because consumer love for clean, clear liquid in their glasses has forced them to filter their whites within an inch of their lives for years.

Truth be told, many grapes we consider white have much darker skins than you might imagine, with the best example being pinot grigio. Unfiltered, your average PG would be a few shades shy of rosé.

One white that wears its colour on its label is Vinho Verde made in the Portuguese province of Minho. Translating to "green wine" its name is really a reference to the bright, refreshing flavours characteristic of the region's juice more than the pigment of Kermit's imagination.

Pale straw to the naked eye, Sogrape's Gazela 2011 Vinho Verde ($8.53 - $11.99) is a zesty, light-bodied wine with a zing of effervescence that tingles the tongue and adds lift to the subtle expression of citrus, lime and grapefruit.

A classic summer wine style, Vinho Verde is perfect with anything that swims or crawls in the ocean and makes a relaxing back deck sipper on a warm afternoon.

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Almonds boost Shrimp Ratatouille

Ingredients

Grilled Ratatouille
- 1 each red, yellow, orange pepper, cut in half and cleaned
- 1 each zucchini and Asian eggplant, sliced lengthwise
- 1 large red onion, sliced thick
- 1 pint (470 ml) cherry tomatoes
- ¼ bunch each tarragon and chives, finely sliced
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) olive oil
- Salt & pepper, to taste

Pesto
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 oz (30 g) grated parmigiano cheese
- 1/8 cup (25 ml) toasted blanched almonds
- 1 bunch basil
- 4 oz (120 g) olive oil
- Salt & pepper, to taste

Shrimp
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 cup (250 ml) slivered almonds, toasted
- 1 tsp (5 ml) chili flakes
- ¼ cup (50 ml) almond oil
- 2 lbs (908 grams) wild white shrimp (peeled, deveined)
- 2 oz (60 g) white wine
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter
- Salt & pepper, to taste

1. Drizzle peppers, zucchini, eggplant and onion with 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil, season with salt and pepper and grill until just cooked. When cool, cut vegetables into pieces and set aside in large bowl.

2. In pan over medium-high heat toss cherry tomatoes with 1 tbsp (15 ml) of olive oil and cook until they burst. Add to bowl of grilled vegetables and toss with tarragon, chives and drizzle with 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil. Season to taste.

3. In a food processor, pulse garlic, parmigiano cheese and almonds 10 seconds. Add basil leaves and olive oil. Pulse until basil is processed fine and pesto is formed. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

4. In skillet over medium high heat, sauté garlic, almonds and chili flakes in almond oil, 30 seconds. Add shrimp, season with salt and pepper. Sauté, continuously tossing and flipping shrimp until done, about 4 mins. Deglaze with white wine, scraping browned bits from pan. Add butter and stir, forming sauce. Remove from heat.

5. Spoon summer ratatouille onto a plate, top with shrimp and dot shrimp with a dollop of pesto.

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This recipe serves six. NEWS CANADA

CFL

Ex-USC star Jarrett retires from Riders

Dwayne Jarrett's CFL career has ended before it began.

The Saskatchewan Roughriders announced Thursday that Jarrett has retired. The former USC star, the Pac-12's all-time leader in TD catches, signed with the CFL club last month.

The six-foot-four, 219-pound Jarrett had 41 TD grabs during his college career at USC.

Jarrett was selected in the second round, 45th overall, by the Carolina Panthers and remained with the club through the opening three games of the 2010 campaign. The 25-year-old appeared in 32 career NFL games, starting three, and had 35 receptions for 428 yards and one touchdown.

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Dwayne Jarrett with the Panthers in 2009. GETTY IMAGES FILE

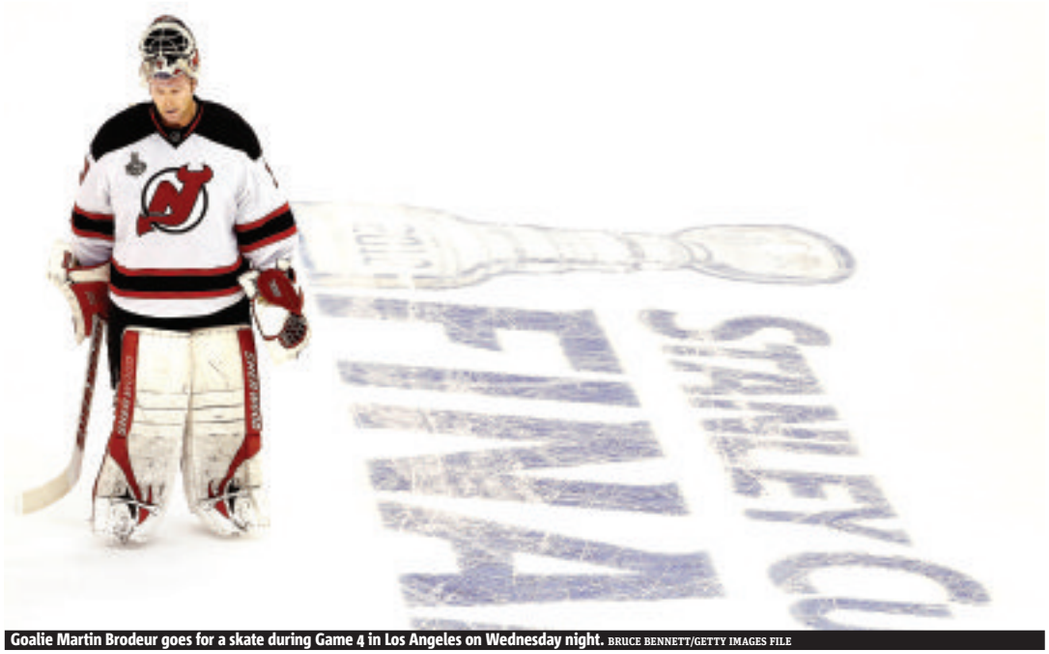
Horse racing

I'll Have Another looking good ahead of Belmont Stakes

Triple Crown contender I'll Have Another turned in another strong gallop as he prepares for the Belmont Stakes on Saturday.

On a sunny Thursday morning, the Canadian-owned colt again went once around the oval, duplicating the 1 1/2 miles of the race.

"He had a really good day of training," trainer Doug O'Neill said. "He showed good energy and he cooled out really well. I'm very happy with where we are two days out." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Goalie Martin Brodeur goes for a skate during Game 4 in Los Angeles on Wednesday night. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Brodeur breathes life into Devils' cup hopes

NHL. Grizzled netminder gives New Jersey chance to turn around final against L.A.

There was no way the moment was going to get the best of Martin Brodeur.

He's touched the Stanley Cup, lifted it in the air, had it out front of the house where he was raised in the Montreal borough of Saint Leonard. And he's made an incredible career out of helping the New Jersey Devils win important games.

So with Staples Center trembling in anticipation of a Stanley Cup sweep by the Los Angeles Kings on Wednesday night, it should be no surprise that Brodeur was at his best as the Devils forced a Game 5 back in New Jersey on Saturday.

"It's just being in the moment," he explained afterwards. "It's really hard while you're playing to really think about (past experiences) — even though some of them are successful, some are not. But for me, it's living in the moment, living these experiences with these guys. That's what hockey is all about."

With so much of the focus in this series on the outstanding play of Kings goaltender Jonathan Quick, Brodeur has almost been lost in the shuffle. But he stared down three breakaways in an extremely tight Game 4 and benefited from a couple fortunate breaks — two pucks rang off his post late in the first period — to keep the Stanley Cup from being presented.

Whether it was just delaying the inevitable or the start of a historic comeback by New Jersey, only time will tell.

Brodeur has been candid about his team's struggles in the series and knows that there is no room for error in his performance as a result. The fact he's still able to meet that challenge a month after his 40th birthday is amazing.

Few outsiders believed Brodeur would ever make his way back on to the big stage, especially since the Devils had only won two playoff series since he lifted his third cup in 2003.

"I don't think you're ever surprised at what he does, how he handles everything," Devils general manager Lou Lamoriello said at the start of the final.

"He has a personality that never looks back.... He's changed his game accordingly to the way the style is. He's a student." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kings make road look easy

The Kings, 15-3 in the post-season, are the first team to grab a 3-0 lead in four straight series in one playoff year.

- But only one of those match-ups ended in a sweep as Los Angeles has now dropped three Game 4s at home.
- L.A. is heading back into its true comfort zone for Saturday's Game 5 — the road. It is there that they have already set records with 10 straight victories in this post-season, and 12 playoff wins in a row, dating to last year. With one more win away from L.A., the Kings will also set the mark with 11 road wins in a single playoff. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

James' 45 points help Heat force Game 7

Paul Pierce of the Boston Celtics, right, guards LeBron James of the Miami Heat in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference final in Boston on Thursday night. JIM ROGASH/GETTY IMAGES

LeBron James refused to let another season end in Boston.

The Eastern Conference final, and his chase of an NBA championship, are headed back to Miami for a Game 7.

James had 45 points and 15 rebounds, overwhelming the Celtics and leading the Heat to a 98-79 victory Thursday night that forced the decisive game.

Pushing away elimination right along with every defender who tried to stop him, James shot 19-of-26 from the field and finished four points shy of his playoff career-high while playing 45 minutes, not sitting down until the victory was long secured.

Game 6

Heat	Celtics
98	79

"He was absolutely fearless tonight, and it was contagious," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "The way he approached the last 48 hours, and not only LeBron, but everybody else. Nobody likes getting dirt thrown on your face before you're even dead. He showed great resolve."

Dwyane Wade added 17 points for the Heat, who need a victory at home Saturday to return to the NBA finals.

Rajon Rondo had 21 points and 10 assists for Boston. Kevin Garnett and Brandon Bass each scored 12 points, but Paul Pierce had only nine on 4-of-18 shooting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 SPORTS

NBA

"We've been through a lot. We don't call each other family just to say it. We really believe in that."

Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant, who scored 34 points in Wednesday night's 107-99 win over the San Antonio Spurs to earn a spot in the NBA finals.

French Open

Sharapova a win away from career Grand Slam

A victory Thursday completed Maria Sharapova's climb back to the top of the tennis rankings. With one more on Saturday, she'll be the French Open champion and complete a career Grand Slam. Sharapova defeated Petra Kvitova 6-3, 6-3 in the windblown semifinals at Roland Garros. The second-seeded Russian needs a victory over 21st-seeded Sara Errani, a 7-5, 1-6, 6-3 winner over No. 6 Samantha Stosur, to become the 10th woman to win all four major tournaments. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mobile news

It seems to be a foregone conclusion that Kentucky's Anthony Davis will go No. 1 in the 2012 NBA draft. But the star forward insists he's "not set in stone" to go first in the draft. Scan the code for the story.

Hopes of a nation on their shoulders

Polish players warm up in Warsaw on Monday. ALIK KEPLICZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Euro 2012. Poland determined not to repeat mistakes of past while co-hosting Euro with Ukraine

Poland captain Jakub Blaszczykowski is determined not to let his team make the same mistakes at the European Championship that have torpedoed the country's hopes at past tournaments.

Topping that list is losing the opening game.

Poland was beaten in its first match at the 2002 and 2006 World Cups and the 2008 European Championship. It crashed out of each of those competitions in the group stage.

"For sure, the last tournaments were not a success, and that's why we're trying not to repeat the mistakes of the past," Blaszczykowski said Thursday. "But I'm convinced all of us players have done everything that we can to be ready for the first match. The most important thing is not to lose this game so as to head down the path of past tournaments."

The Poland side that will open this year's competition on Friday against Greece at Warsaw's new National Stadium in front of 55,000 fans is a very different team, however, from the ones that failed to impress in the recent past.

Above all, coach Franciszek Smuda has three top-class players to build the team around — the Borussia Dortmund trio of Blaszczykowski, striker Robert Lewandowski and defender Lukasz Piszczek.

All three players are coming off stellar seasons during which they helped power Dortmund to a domestic double.

Lewandowski netted 22 goals in 34 league matches and was named the Bundesliga's player of the year. Blaszczykowski scored six goals and provided eight assists, while Piszczek contributed four goals and seven assists from his right back position.

"We have players who can change the game at any moment to our advantage, and that's the difference between this team and past teams," Blaszczykowski said.

The Poland captain and his teammates have an added incentive this year not to bow out early — they don't want to disappoint the millions of home fans who have been waiting for this moment since Poland won the right five years ago to co-host the tournament with Ukraine.

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Ukraine president urges citizens to host with 'friendliness'

Ukraine's president called on his countrymen to give a warm welcome to visitors during the European Championship, in the face of concerns over racism at football matches and criticism over a political opponent's imprisonment.

- Viktor Yanukovych hailed his country's success in preparing for the tournament. He also congratulated his country on building roads, stadiums and airports for Euro 2012 and called on his citizens Thursday in a televised address to exhibit "our Ukrainian hospitality, sincerity and friendliness."

Quoted

"We have the expectations of a whole country on us, we're aware of that, but it only motivates us more

Jakub Blaszczykowski, Polish captain

Calibre of play at Euro second to none

Fernando Torres of Spain lifts the trophy after the Euro 2008 final against Germany. ALEX LIVESEY/GETTY IMAGES

The World Cup may be the best-known soccer tournament on the planet. It may not be the best.

To many fans, the European Championship ranks as the top competition.

This year's continental championship, generally called Euro 2012, kicks off Friday in Warsaw when co-host Poland plays Greece at the National Stadium. Ukraine also will be hosting games.

With only 16 teams instead of 32, many believe the calibre of play at the European Championship exceeds that at the World Cup, which gets diluted by some of the slots apportioned to areas of the globe weaker in soccer.

Both tournaments take place every four years, but in alternate even-numbered years. That puts the European Championship, which started in 1960 and became a full-fledged tournament in 1980 when eight teams competed, in the same summer as the Olympics.

For Euro 2012, defending champion Spain — which also won the 2010 World Cup — is the favourite, especially with Xavi Hernandez and Andres Iniesta controlling play. But the Netherlands and Germany are also contenders with their own game-changing players, notably the Dutch trio of Arjen Robben, Robin van Persie and Wesley Sneijder.

Others, like England with Wayne Rooney and Portugal with Cristiano Ronaldo, will also be in the mix.

Hooliganism is always an issue at major soccer tournaments; this year's competition has already been marred by racism concerns and political turmoil in Ukraine.

The 16 teams in the championship — the two co-hosts and 14 other nations that made it through a two-year qualifying tournament — have been split into four groups of four. The top two in each group reach the quarterfinals.

The final will be played on July 1 in Kyiv. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By the numbers

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Only one non-European country (Uruguay in 2010) has been among the semifinalists at the last two World Cups.

Group A

Czech Republic

Milan Baros has recovered from a thigh injury, and will play in the Czechs' opener against Russia Friday.

Greece

Greece is trying to live up to its Euro win in 2004 and will be in tough from the get-go, facing hosts Poland in Friday's opener.

Poland

Desperate for a strong start after losing its first match at the 2002 and 2006 World Cups and the 2008 Euros.

Russia

Coach Dick Advocaat says his entire squad is fit for its opener against the Czechs, including goalkeeper Igor Akinfeev, who had a left knee injury this week.

Group B

Denmark

Denmark is in big trouble early as the weakest club in the Group of Death.

Germany

Questions have been raised about the reliability of Germany's defence and the speed of its anchor, Per Mertesacker, whose match experience since February has been limited to two friendlies.

Netherlands

Joris Mathijsen is almost certain to miss the opener against Denmark and might be ruled out altogether, robbing the team of one of its key defenders.

Portugal

The fact they've found the net just once in their last three friendlies doesn't bode well.

Group C

Croatia

Coach Slaven Bilic says striker Nikica Jelavic has been chosen to spearhead the team's attack after a successful spell at Everton.

Ireland

Opening match against Croatia could give Irish a chance to start out competition on the right foot.

Italy

Standout Italian midfielder Andrea Pirlo has bruised his right calf, although team officials are treating the injury as very minor.

Spain

Will try to become first county to successfully defend European title but the absence of defender Carles Puyol will make it tough.

Group D

England

Opening clash with France on Monday should be a good litmus test after a second-round exit at 2010 World Cup.

France

Pressure is on after a 2010 World Cup training-ground strike that shocked and embarrassed a nation.

Sweden

Sweden has two concerns going into its opener against Ukraine on Monday — Johan Elmander's foot and the co-host's crowd support.

Ukraine

Ukraine coach Oleg Blokhin says his team's opening match against Sweden will decide whether his team has any chance of reaching the quarter-finals.

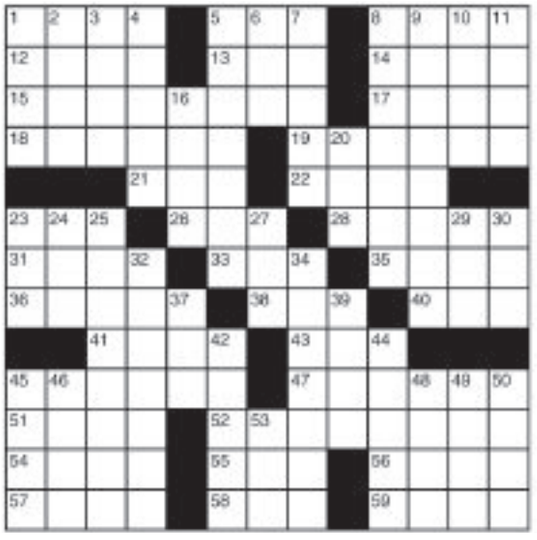
Crossword

Across

1 Knighted woman
5 Deposit
8 Stop
12 Holly
13 Blond shade
14 Malaria symptom
15 Lamb symbolizing the Savior
17 Christmas
18 Crown of honor
19 Silver-white element
21 Kinsman
22 Carina
23 Vast expanse
26 Expert
28 Parasite
31 Therefore
33 Frat party prop
35 Percussion instrument
36 "All My Children" role
38 Understanding
40 Branch
41 Sailors
43 Ph. bk. data
45 Quest
47 One with "I" trouble
51 Con
52 Farm study
54 Mortgage
55 Island souvenir
56 On
57 Icelandic saga
58 List-ending abbr.
59 Anger

Down

1 Use an old phone
2 Plankton component
3 Carte
4 Region beyond a city
5 Securing device
6 Work with
7 Dense
8 Hick
9 "Genie in a Bottle" singer
10 Humdinger
11 Abound
16 Antitoxins
20 Conger, e.g.
23 Witness
24 Mess up
25 Shook
27 Comic-strip squeal
29 Cad
30 "Let me think ..."
32 Sweet potato
34 Nonproprietary
37 Curved line
39 "Fuhgeddaboudit!"
42 Layered rock
44 Sub spotter
45 Garage event
46 Oklahoma city
48 Tittle
49 Urban blight
50 Use a keyboard
53 Comprehendd



Sudoku

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					5			2
			9	2		8	3	
4	9					1		

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	7	3	9	1	8	5	4	6
9	8	1	5	4	6	7	3	2
6	5	4	2	3	7	8	1	9
4	2	7	8	6	9	1	5	3
1	3	6	4	5	2	9	8	7
5	9	8	3	7	1	2	6	4
8	4	9	6	2	5	3	7	1
7	6	2	1	8	3	4	9	5
3	1	5	7	9	4	6	2	8

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

XN SIKHV OYYHXVY FISN,
RMVTO X NRXPP VGIKZ IC
CKOKGY PIVVYGN TXWY XH
IWYGHMVTO PKRFYG ZXGOS?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A WILD OUTING IS ABOUT TO OCCUR, COULD YOU SAY THAT WOULD BE A PENDING SPREE?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals A

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. You like to know what's going on and you like to know what's going to happen next but the Sun-Mars link will take you by surprise in a way.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Hopefully you won't take what happens today too seriously. You know how silly it is to struggle against events that cannot be controlled.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You will have to sacrifice something that is precious to you for the greater good today. Remember: You are not making this decision just for yourself but for other people too.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. If you come on too strong today, you are likely to turn people against you, so tone down your act a bit. Charm is the key.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. There is no point moaning about what you are expected to do — just roll up your sleeves and get on with the job.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. The problems you face are mostly problems you have created for yourself. Therefore, hoping that other people will resolve them for you isn't going to work, is it?

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Stand your ground today even if you find yourself up against someone whose power and position puts your own in the shade.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Partners may be pushy today but you must not give in to their demands. Let them know that you can't be threatened and that no matter what, your answer is still 'no'.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You will need to be tough today, especially when dealing with people who seem to believe they have some sort of right to your time and energy.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. No matter how strongly the evidence points in one direction today, you must keep looking in other directions too.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. If partners and colleagues want to play games today that's up to them but you care only about reality.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Rise above your current situation. Once you understand that minor negative events are of no real importance you'll feel happier — and achieve more too.

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Linda

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